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- 1. EMBASSY IS PLEASED THAT NSF/KKI PROGRAM IS REGARDED WELL BY NSF, BUT WE ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT NSF IS CONTEMPLATING A POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN THE FY 79 FUNDING LEVEL. THE EMBASSY AND KKI HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN ASSURED THAT NSF HAS FUNDS FOR EXPANDED PROGRAMS IN HUNGARY. WITH THE ONSET OF THE CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT AND THE PROGRAM DOCUMENT ALMOST COMPLETED, THE HUNGARIANS WOULD CONSIDER A REDUCTION IN NSF PROGRAMS AS AN INDICATION OF OUR SLACKENING INTEREST IN SCIENCE EXCHANGES.
- 2. SHOULD THAT OCCUR, THERE WOULD DOUBTLESSLY BE A REACTION BY THE HUNGARIANS WHICH PROBABLY WOULD BE FELT IN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES AND EXHIBITS.
- 3. THE EMBASSY, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND USICA URGE NSF TO EXPAND PROGRAMS IN HUNGARY AND NOT TO PERMIT A REDUCTION.

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